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6 June 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Efforts to Replace the Present Regime in Russia

25X1A REFERENCE: My memo of 21 May 1951 for [] on same subject

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1. Yesterday [] and I attended a meeting in Mr. Stelle's office, OIR, Department of State. Others present were Mr. [], Office of the Assistant Director of Intelligence Coordination CIA, and Mr. Harvey and Mr. Ruggles of OIR.

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2. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the changes which might be made in the intelligence requirements paper, the origins of which were described in the referenced memorandum and which, at the request of an inter-departmental group formed by Mr. Phillips, Special Assistant to Mr. Barrett, had been drafted by an intra-OPC group headed up by [] and consisting of []

When adjusted to take care of everybody's interest, the paper was to be presented to NPSB at its 11 June meeting with the thought that NPSB would then arrange to have it presented to the IAC. As a result of this effort, it was hoped that special studies and additional intelligence would be forthcoming which would be helpful in preparing and carrying out plans to accomplish the purpose of the subject.

3. After considerable discussion, the consensus of Mr. Stelle's meeting was that a paper for this purpose was unnecessary, and that instead the following arrangements would be made:

a. OIR and CIA (OIC) will arrange for a National Estimate of the vulnerabilities of the present regime in Russia. These arrangements will be made on the basis of a request which OIR will make of ONE. Mr. Stelle agreed to show the request to us for comment before forwarding it. The estimate will be requested by early August.

b. Pending the estimate, OIR, with the assistance of other agencies, as needed, will undertake directly and through contract, a series of detailed studies of particular vulnerabilities, which are well known and which, therefore, need no further identification by IAC, e.g., a study of the political leadership of the USSR; the relationship

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between the Army and the Party. It was agreed that OPC will furnish recommendations to OIR as to the subjects which these studies should cover.

c. A report will be prepared by OPC to Mr. Phillips as to the foregoing developments and, in his discretion, this report will be furnished NPSB at its 11 June meeting.

4. On 6 June, I called upon Mr. Phillips in his office to inform him of the results of the meeting of the day before. He seemed pleased with the agreements which have been reached, subject to the condition that the studies mentioned in paragraph b above be pushed and not be delayed pending the National Estimate. He agreed that OPC should prepare a report for submission to NPSB and he asked that the report be cleared with the other members of his coordinating group prior to its submission to NPSB.

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